



What is the English Program?

HCC's English Program provides a firm foundation for students who plan to transfer as English majors to four-year colleges. The core courses expand a student's writing ability and literature competence in addition to fostering critical thinking skills. Students who major in English are well-equipped to analyze, synthesize, and communicate. These skills are in high demand across nearly all professions.

What can I do with my English degree?

Potential employers see a candidate with an English degree as a candidate who can organize and disseminate information; who understands audience, tone, and purpose; who can think critically and clearly; and who empathizes with others. In addition to going into teaching fields, graduates of English degrees often pursue the following careers:

- Local and state government
- Public relations and marketing
- Communications
- Journalism
- Grants writing
- Technical writing
- Library science
- Management

Although a bachelor's or master's degree is necessary for teaching, students may enter many of these fields with only an associate's degree, especially if they have developed a strong portfolio of writing and experience.

What is the employment outlook?

Earnings will vary by location, industry, education, and experience. Since so many careers require a solid foundation in communications, the employment outlook for students with English degrees is always good. In 2010, for example, average salaries were as follows:

- Technical writer: \$63,280
- Writers and authors: \$55,420
- Public relations managers and specialists: \$57,550
- Advertising, promotions managers: \$83,890
- Marketing managers: \$112,800
- Professor: \$62,050
- High school teacher: \$53,230

(source: www.bls.gov/ooh.)

Why should I study English at HCC?

Students enjoy small class sizes and apply their acquired skills through active discussion as well as a variety of written responses. The English faculty hold master's and doctoral degrees from prestigious schools and remain current in their fields of study.

While taking core requirements in composition and literature, students choose from a wide variety of electives, thereby engineering a foundation of studies that is perfectly suited to their individual needs. English electives include technical writing, creative writing, ethnic voices, contemporary literature, literature by and about women, Shakespeare, and mythology. The capstone class allows students to work closely with a faculty member to develop a portfolio of writing, reflect on progress, and underscore important subjects from each required class.

Students can also enhance their writing portfolios by contributing to the *Hedge Apple*, the HCC literary magazine. Editorial internships are available with both these publications, and HCC supports internships with various local newspapers and magazines.

HCC students majoring in English or secondary English education are also assigned a full-time English faculty member as an advisor. The advisor not only provides encouragement and support for students, but will help the student make sure they have the necessary credits needed to transfer to a four-year institution or pursue a writing career.

What are the program options?

HCC offers students two degree programs in English: the A.A. in English and the A.A.T. in English Education. Both programs provide students with a carefully planned curriculum focused on writing, critical thinking, and literary analysis. The A.A. is designed for students who want to transfer to a four-year degree program or go directly into any field that requires strong communication and critical thinking skills. The A.A.T. is specifically designed for students who want to teach.

Why do HCC students do so well at transfer schools?

The A.A. degree in English transfers to four-year colleges and universities as part of a liberal arts degree with numerous free electives, and all credits needed to receive an A.A.T. degree in English education transfer to any school in the state of Maryland.

Many students transfer to Shippensburg or Shepherd Universities, both of which honor articulation agreements with HCC that allow students a seamless transfer of credits. Certain students even qualify for a reduction in tuition costs.

A.A. Degree Arts and Sciences English Concentration

This option is designed for those students who are planning to transfer to a four-year degree program with a major in English or related fields.

General Education Requirements 31-32 credits Arts/Humanities

Select two courses in different disciplines from approved General Education course list..... 6

Behavioral/Social Sciences

Select two courses in different disciplines from approved General Education course list..... 6

Biological/Physical Science

Select two courses from approved General Education course list — one must be a laboratory course 7-8

"Learning how to communicate effectively through speaking and writing is not exclusive to four-year universities. HCC's English program fostered my reading and writing skills through its diverse range of classes and the deep wealth of faculty knowledge. Those skills have transferred well to my English classes at the University of Maryland, where I can boldly say I was better prepared than many of my peers."

-Oliver Bulley

A.A., English, HCC

A.A.T., Secondary English Education, HCC

B.A., English Literature and Language,
UMD



A.A.T. Degree

Secondary English Education

The A.A.T. English program is intended for students who wish to teach English in Maryland's secondary schools. It is the result of a statewide effort by two- and four-year faculty to arrive at the appropriate outcomes for the first two years of secondary English teacher training. The English and general education course provide a sound foundation for the completion of the English major and the education courses ensure informed career choice and real-world knowledge of today's classrooms. Students must achieve a 2.75 grade point average and pass the PRAXIS I licensure exam to earn this degree.

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Behavioral/Social Sciences

PSY 101 General Psychology..... 3

Select another course in a different discipline from approved General Education course list..... 3

Biological/Physical Science

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Diversity

Select from approved General Education course list 3

English

ENG 101 English Composition 3

ENG 102 Composition and Literature..... 3

Mathematics

Select one course from approved General Education course list 3-4

Program Requirements 19 credits

EDU 101 Introduction to Education 3

PSY 203 Educational Psychology 3

English

ENG 214 Applied English Grammar 3

ENG 240 Seminar in English Studies 1*

*ENG 240 should be taken during the last semester of study

Take three courses, one from each group:

Group 1

ENG 201 World Literature I 3

OR

ENG 202 World Literature II (3)

Group 2

ENG 203 British Literature I 3

OR

ENG 204 British Literature II (3)

Group 3

ENG 205 American Literature I 3

OR

ENG 206 American Literature II (3)

Recommended Electives 10 credits

Electives should be selected in consultation with a transfer advisor and the transfer institution. Some recommended courses are listed below:

ENG 112 Technical Writing I (3)

HUM 110 Oral Interpretation of Literature..... (3)

HUM 201 The Arts: A Creative Synthesis (3)

PHL 101 Introduction to Philosophy..... (3)

SPD 103 Public Speaking..... (3)

SPD 108 Introduction to Human Communication (3)

Degree Requirement.....60

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Diversity

Select from the approved General Education course list 3

English

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ENG 102 Composition and Literature..3

Mathematics

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Program Requirements 13 credits

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ENG 206 American Literature II (3)

Restricted Electives 6 credits

Take two courses from the following:

ENG 112 Technical Writing I (3)

ENG 114 Mythology (3)

ENG 115 Literature By and About Women.... (3)

ENG 208 Shakespeare..... (3)

ENG 209 Creative Writing I..... (3)

ENG 219 Contemporary Literature (3)

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